

REMARKS

The application has been amended to adapt the specification and claims of the underlying international application to U.S. practice, and to limit the number of words in the abstract.

Claims 1 to 9, as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2003/009921 have been canceled, and new claims 10 to 18 have been added.

Applicant believes that no fees are due as a result of this amendment. In the event of a fee discrepancy, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully submitted,

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